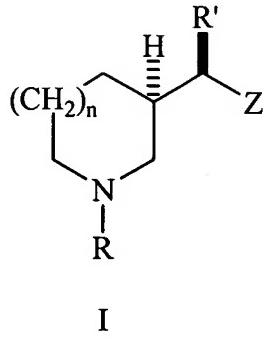


*In the claims:*

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula I:



wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R is H, aralkyl, or CO2R';

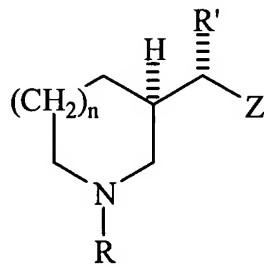
R' is alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

Z is NHR'' or OH; and

R'' is H, alky1, aryl, or aralkyl.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1.
3. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R is Cbz.
4. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
5. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R is H.
6. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein R' is methyl.
7. (canceled)
8. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
9. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
10. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.

11. (canceled)
12. (canceled)
13. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
14. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; R" is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
15. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
16. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
17. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; and R' is methyl.
18. (canceled)
19. (original) The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
20. (currently amended) A compound of formula II:



II

wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R is H, aralkyl, or CO<sub>2</sub>R';

R' is alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

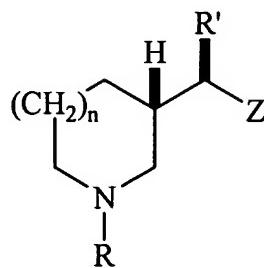
Z is NHR"-or OH; and

R" is H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

21. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1.

22. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein R is Cbz.
23. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
24. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein R is H.
25. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein R' is methyl.
26. (canceled)
27. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
28. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
29. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.
30. (canceled)
31. (canceled)
32. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
33. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; R" is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
34. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
35. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
36. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; and R' is methyl.
37. (canceled)
38. (original) The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.

39. (currently amended) A compound of formula III:



III

wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R is H, aralkyl, or  $\text{CO}_2\text{R}'$ ;

R' is alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

Z is  $\text{NHR}''$  or  $\text{OH}$ ; and

$\text{R}''$  is H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

40. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1.

41. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein R is Cbz.

42. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein R is  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ .

43. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein R is H.

44. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein R' is methyl.

45. (canceled)

46. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein Z is  $\text{NHR}''$ ; and R'' is phenyl.

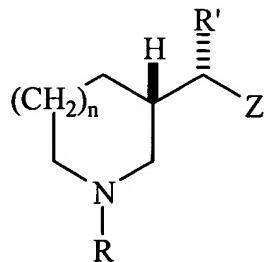
47. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.

48. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.

49. (canceled)

50. (canceled)

51. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
52. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; R" is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
53. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
54. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
55. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; and R' is methyl.
56. (canceled)
57. (original) The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
58. (currently amended) A compound of formula IV:



wherein

n is 0, 1, or 2;

R is H, aralkyl, or CO<sub>2</sub>R';

R' is alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

Z is NHR" or OH; and

R" is H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.

59. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1.
60. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein R is Cbz.

61. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
62. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein R is H.
63. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein R' is methyl.
64. (canceled)
65. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
66. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
67. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.
68. (canceled)
69. (canceled)
70. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.
71. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR"; R" is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
72. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
73. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph.
74. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; and R' is methyl.
75. (canceled)
76. (original) The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR"; and R" is phenyl.

Claims 77-104      (canceled)